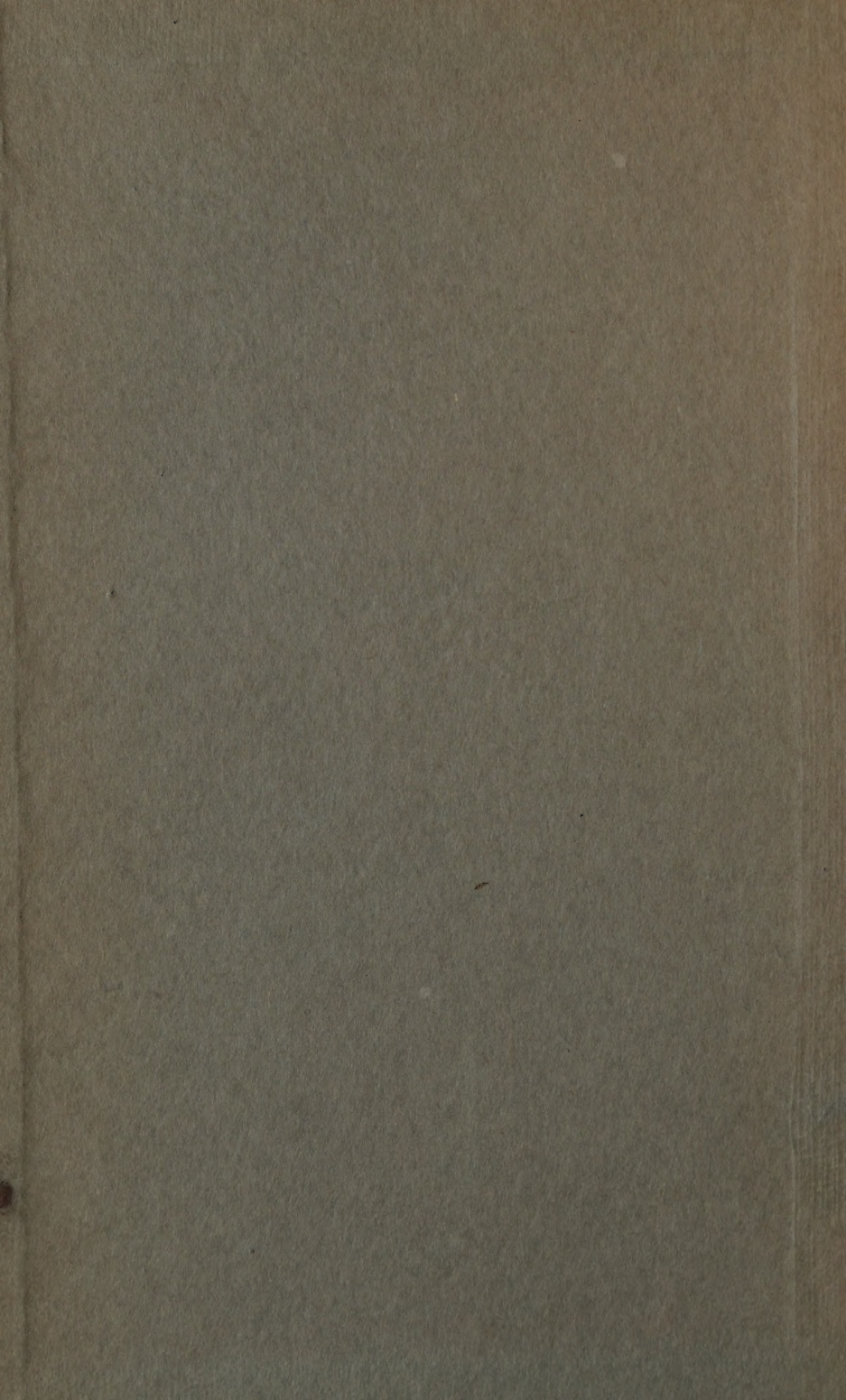




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AMHERST, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1914

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1913-1914

Moderator

WILLIAM W. GOODALE

Selectmen

H. T. HARVELL

F. C. TAYLOR

G. E. HARTSHORN

School Board

W. W. SLOAN

FANNIE L. CLARK

CORA E. HOLBROOK

Town Treasurer

H. B. BURTT

Tax Collector

PERCY M. ODELL

Town Clerk

W. W. SLOAN

Road Agent

JOHN H. DODGE

Auditors

W. D. CLARK

W. E. MURPHY

Supervisors of Check List

W. E. MURPHY

W. D. HOLBROOK

HAROLD WILKINS

Board of Health

F. C. TAYLOR

L. F. WYMAN

E. S. ROBINSON

Police

W. E. JENNINGS, Chief

CHAS. A. PEABODY

JAMES H. BARKER

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

FRANK HARTSHORN

FRANK EMERSON

ROBERT CONVERSE

CHAS. A. PEABODY

Firewards

W. W. SLOAN, Chief

F. O. STEVENS

C. F. WELLS

Forest Firewarden

W. W. SLOAN

Treewarden

GEO. S. EATON

Warrant for Annual Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Amherst, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges and make appropriation for the same.
4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for school purposes.
5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of town poor.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to pay on the town debt.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.
8. To see if the town will sell Charles Monson a strip of land south of his place, off from the town land.
9. To see what the town will do about Lovel Wright piece of land beside of town land.
10. To see what fire protection the town will pro-

vide to protect property around Baboosic lake, or do anything concerning the same.

11. To see what means the town will provide for the suppression of moths around Baboosic lake or do anything concerning the same.

12. To see if the town will accept state aid maintenance of highways.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to spraying trees, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the town will construct, manage and maintain water works according to the provisions of chapter 380 of the laws of 1913, entitled an act to establish water works in the town of Amherst, in the county of Hillsborough, and to pass all necessary votes in relation thereto.

15. To see if the town will vote to issue its bonds in an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars according to the terms of the municipal bonds act, 1895, to be issued to defray the cost of constructing the water works.

16. To see if the town will vote to exempt the water works bonds or notes from taxation when held by inhabitants of the town.

17. To hear the report of all town officers, agents and committees and pass any vote relating thereto.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fourteen.

HORACE T. HARVELL,	} Selectmen of Amherst
FRANK C. TAYLOR,	
GEORGE E. HARTSHORN,	

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST, APRIL 1, 1913.

No. polls, 255	\$ 25,500 00
Improved and unimproved lands and buildings	880,679 00
No. horses, 291	40,406 00
mules, 4	590 00
oxen, 2	74 00
cows, 531	24,130 00
other neat stock, 135	4,402 00
hogs, 5	76 00
fowls, 4,377	3,279 00
Vehicles and automobiles	6,771 00
Portable mills	1,556 00
Wood, lumber, etc., not stock in trade, (Laws 1911, Chap. 82)	650 00
Stock in public funds	109,619 00
Stock in banks and other corporations in this state	15,075 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	31,222 00
Stock in trade	34,833 00
Aqueducts	2,050 00
Total valuation	\$1,180,906 00
Exemption of soldiers	9,560 00
Reduced valuation	\$1,171,346 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS

Horace T. Harvell, first selectman	\$152 50	
Frank C. Taylor, second “	140 00	
George E. Hartshorn, third “	105 00	
Horace T. Harvell, overseer of poor	3 00	
Frank C. Taylor, “ “ “	2 00	
George E. Hartshorn, “ “ “	1 00	
Percy M. Odell, tax collector, bal- ance 1912	70 00	
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H. B. Burt, treasurer and bond	76 00	
E. K. Burt, sexton	38 50	
L. F. Wyman, “	18 00	
W. L. Cross, “	2 00	
W. E. Murphy, services as super- visor	5 00	
W. D. Holbrook, services as super- visor	5 00	
W. D. Clark, auditor	4 00	
W. E. Murphy, auditor	4 00	
W. W. Goodale, moderator	3 00	
W. E. Jennings, chief of police	26 35	
A. L. Goodale, police	2 00	
W. W. Sloan, town clerk	62 50	
		\$789 85

SCHOOLS

Schools	\$7,351 78
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MEMORIAL DAY

Daniel Peabody	\$75 00
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TOWN LIBRARY

Fannie L. Clark	\$300 00	
Parker fund	37 93	
		\$337 93

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Sophia E. Dodge	\$50 00
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COUNTY TAX

Irving E. Forbes	\$950 91
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STATE TAX

George E. Farrand	\$2,088 00
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STATE HIGHWAY

Unexpended balance from 1906	\$73 87
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POLICE JUDGE

W. D. Clark	\$18 00
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SIDEWALKS AND HIGHWAY CROSSINGS

John Grafton	\$255 50
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OUTFIT AND SPRAYING

Brackett Shaw & Lunt Co.	\$200 00	
Hill Hardware Co., lead	24 00	
George S. Eaton and help	7 93	
		\$231 93

GYPSY AND BROWNTAIL MOTH

C. H. Wetherbee	\$ 74 25
George S. Eaton	46 61
F. C. Taylor	13 50
American Express Co.	30

Mrs. I. M. Hartshorn, sending blanks	2 00	
W. D. Clark, stationery	3 58	
A. L. Martin, supplies	86	
		\$141 10

STREET LIGHTING

Milford Light & Power Co.	\$572 40	
N. E. Telephone Co.	18 11	
		\$590 51

NOTES AND INTEREST

Souhegan National bank	\$3,025 00	
Merrimaack bank, Manchester, N. H.	1,525 00	
		\$4,550 00

FOREST FIRES

W. W. Sloan	\$98 28	
Souhegan Auto Co.	2 00	
C. F. Wells	2 00	
		\$102 28

TOWN HALL

Milford Light & Power Co.	\$55 60	
W. W. Sloan, care of hall	55 45	
Lemuel Fuller, wood for hall	5 50	
A. L. Martin, supplies for hall	3 68	
W. A. Moulton, piling and splitting wood	6 00	
W. F. French, keys for hall	75	
		\$126 98

BOARD OF HEALTH

L. F. Wyman	\$25 35	
C. H. Wetherbee	20 00	
F. C. Taylor	9 50	

E. L. Patch & Co., formaldehyde	7 00	
E. S. Robinson	5 00	
		\$66 85

WATER BILLS

Mrs. George Nichols	\$30 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	27 00	
F. C. Taylor	6 00	
George P. Bennett	3 00	
Harry Boutelle	3 00	
Chas. P. Wheeler	3 00	
C. H. Wetherbee	3 00	
Frank Hartshorn, old bill, 1912	3 00	
E. H. Peaslee	2 50	
Horace Harvell	2 00	
John A. Hanson	2 00	
		\$84 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emerson & Son, window shades	\$ 9 60	
F. O. Stevens, 1912	10 00	
George Mayo, at Caldwell fire	2 00	
James Allard, " " "	2 00	
David Whiting, coal	4 50	
W. L. Winslow, forest fire warden	2 80	
W. E. Jennings	2 25	
Knight & Thomas	8 30	
Horace Boutell, watching Trow fire	2 00	
W. D. Clark, fire at Allard's	6 00	
L. F. Wyman, pay for firemen,	200 00	
W. F. French, acid	2 84	
Knight & Thomas, supplies	1 00	
A. L. Martin, carrying men to fires	9 80	
F. C. Taylor, coal and repairing stove	4 38	
Fred Wilson, clearing reservoirs	5 70	
W. W. Sloan, care of engine house	60 35	
" " forest fire warden	25 00	
" " chief fire ward	15 00	
F. O. Stevens, " "	10 00	

H. B. Burt, goods	7 97	
J. H. Dodge, team to fire	5 00	
Milford Light & Power Co.	12 00	
		\$408 49

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Percy M. Odell, 1912	\$14 10	
Percy M. Odell, 1913	68 93	
		\$83 03

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

J. H. Dodge		\$2,004 56
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SNOW BILLS

J. H. Dodge		\$31 67
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PERMANENT HIGHWAY

Amount required by law	1,236 00	
Expended	1,226 71	
Unexpended		\$9 29

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. W. L. Cross, sending town reports	\$2 00
W. B. Rotch, printing town reports	177 15
F. C. Taylor, pipe and railing at pond, and bills	34 57
Eastman, supplies	5 00
W. D. Clark, stationery	13 96
Annie E. White, writing transfers	6 94
W. B. Rotch, printing notices	1 00
E. S. Robinson, sawing wood	15 00
F. C. Taylor, bounty on hedgehogs	2 00
H. T. Harvell, " " "	1 80
G. E. Hartshorn, " " "	40
Boston & Maine, freight on creosote	40
Robert A. French, advice for tax collector	3 00

Dr. P. R. Felt, returning births and deaths	2 50
Mrs. Ina M. Hartshorn, copying and sending blanks	19 80
F. C. Taylor, railing for cross walk	8 97
E. A. Tuser, keys	50
Milford Water Works, repair on sewer pump	2 50
Enterprise Rubber Co., hose for sewer pump	27 50
C. P. Dodge, services enabling act	50 00
Boston & Maine, freight	25
Milford Machine Works	2 00
Cost of water injunction	17 29
G. A. McIntire, stationery	1 65
W. E. Jennings, dog killer	8 29
W. E. Jennings, care tramps	3 50
E. H. Taft, returning births and deaths	1 00
P. R. Felt, returning births and deaths	1 50
H. S. Hutchinson, returning births and deaths	50
F. C. Taylor, labor and help on town pump	4 00
F. C. Taylor, stationery	34
F. C. Taylor, care water trough	2 50
H. T. Harvell stationery	1 25
W. W. Sloan, returning marriages, births and deaths	9 50
W. W. Sloan, care town clock	15 00
W. W. Sloan, team to station	1 00
G. E. Hartshorn, stationery	47
Thomas Harvell, appraising wood lots	2 00
G. E. Hartshorn, meeting tax commission	6 00
F. C. Taylor, meeting tax commission	4 50
John B. Clark, binding book	7 50
H. B. Burt, goods for Lawler	86
H. B. Burt, postage	54

CEMETERY

H. J. West, labor at old cemetery	15 00	
" " " at meadow view	33 00	
Robert Atkinson, labor, Upham lot	10 00	
" " " Kendall lot	2 00	
" " " C. Dodge lot	1 50	
" " " Prince lot	2 00	
" " cleaning Campbell monument	4 00	
E. K. Burt. mowing lots in cemetery	16 00	
" " labor on lots, trust funds	112 00	
H. B. Burt. supplies for cemetery	24 40	
E. K. Burt. improvement on David Fisk lot	20 00	
E. K. Burt. labor on Parker lot	3 00	
H. T. Harvell, mowing cemetery	2 00	
W. L. Cross, labor and supplies on Merrill lot	1 12	
W. L. Cross, labor and supplies on Upham lot	1 12	
W. L. Cross, mowing cemetery	2 00	
		\$249 14

TOWN POOR

Mrs. A. T. Rideout	120 00	
Mrs. A. C. Pearsons	120 00	
Mrs. E. Sawtell	120 00	
Austin Merrill,	156 00	
		\$516 00

COUNTY POOR

O. P. Smith	8 50	
C. H. Wetherbee, goods for S. Chapman	4 60	
W. D. Clark, goods for S. Chapman	6 00	
" " " " Mrs. A. E. Hammond	69 56	
W. D. Clark, goods for Chas. Merrill	24 00	

H. B. Burt, goods for Mrs. A. E.		
Hammond,	117	10
Dr. Chandler, Mrs. A. E. Hammond	6	00
H. B. Burt, goods for Chas Merrill	48	00
A. L. Martin, " " D. Buckley	72	00
		\$355 76

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. HARVELL,
FRANK C. TAYLOR,
GEORGE E. HARTSHORN,
Selectmen of Amherst.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

J. H. DODGE, ROAD AGENT,

In Account With TOWN OF AMHERST.

DR.

For highways, received of Town	
Treasurer, per order of Select-	
men	\$2004 56
Loan of pump	75
Lumber sold	1 00
Rent of land	1 50
	—————\$ 2007 81

CR.

E. P. West and team	405 50
Frank Bills	164 40
Guy Bills	154 00
Geo. Parker	170 00
Edward Bills	164 00
John Hanson	2 84
M. T. Campbell	6 40
New Eng. Road Machine Co.	24 60
American Express Co.	80
Mary Campbell	1 00
E. A. Seabury	45 00
W. B. Byrd	22 00
A. E. Chickering	1 00
A. W. Howison	9 48
Kendall & Wilkins	12 50
W. D. Clark	13 45
Frank Hartshorn Co.	112 30
F. T. Boutell	6 00
A. W. Moulton	23 75
Charles Fields	1 28

Berger Mfg. Co.	43 74
E. E. Weston	4 00
E. H. Peaslee	4 94
H. R. Boutell	13 00
Harry Boutell	28 00
Leon Boutell	13 00
W. P. Younggerbur	1 00
Lemuel Fuller	17 84
H. M. Parker	2 80
Frank Holbrook	7 20
James Casey	4 96
H. T. Harvell	2 00
L. B. Lovejoy	5 00
A. L. Martin	3 42
Geo. E. Hartshorn	1 32
H. B. Burt	3 23
Freight	25
J. H. Dodge	241 31
Team carting	232 50
Team carting, help	38 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DODGE.

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W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

CHEMFEERY FUNDS INVESTED

Sarah W. Kendall	200	10 86	4 50	6 36
H. C. Bills	50	1 75		1 75
Agnes R. Laselle	50	1 45		1 45
Lucy W. Blunt		2 39	2 50	-11
David E. Fiske		13 48	23 00	9 52
\$3,035	\$576 68	\$153 24	\$123 44	

E. Parker, in Amoskeag bank \$1000 00

Dr.

To interest from bank

Cr.

By labor on lot

\$ 3 00

By cash paid to library trustees

37 93

\$40 93

Lucy W. Blunt fund in Amoskeag bank \$100 00

Chas. H. Campbell

John H. Clark

James U. Prince

Lucy F. Boylston

Hannah C. Foster

Mrs. Chas. McAfee

Chester Shipley

Wilson D. Forsaith

200 00

\$1,500 00

Charles H. Nutt fund in Mechanics bank \$300 00

Henry Howard

Isaac B. Dodge

Henry C. Dodge

David E. Fiske

1,000 00

\$2,000 00

Mary P. Nutt school fund in savings banks \$5,000 00

David E. Fiske highway fund in Merti-

mack River Savings bank

\$2,000 00

H. B. BURTT, Treasurer.

CEMETERY FUNDS IN TREASURY.

Interest	Expended	Bal. in Treas.
Charles H. Nutt	\$21 20	\$4 50
Charles H. Campbell	9 38	5 00
Henry Howard	14 46	3 00
Sarah F. U'pham	20 81	13 50
Laura E. Belden	41 56	3 00
Isaac B. Dodge	14 92	2 50
Mary W. Richardson	16 27	3 50
Bartholemew Dodge	16 01	1 00
Roxanna H. Cutler	23 81	2 00
Harriet F. Clark	20 25	2 50
M. Frances Moor	15 02	2 50
Henry C. Dodge	42 15	6 50
George Boutelle	10 19	3 50
John H. Clark	14 14	2 00
James U. Prince	11 41	5 00
Lucy R. Boylston	18 26	3 00
Hannah C. Foster	6 20	3 75
Kate R. Hamilton	17 48	1 00
Mrs. J. P. Nourse	10 57	1 00
Mrs. Chas. McAfee	8 13	3 00
Chester Shipley	11 56	3 50
John A. Ober	6 62	75
Henry Merrill	21 85	3 12
Henry W. Secomb	5 80	1 50
Wilson D. Forsaith	13 24	7 00
Oscar Shaffer	7 26	3 50
Mary Carlton	10 92	2 75
Sarah A. Osgood	25 98	3 50
Abigail Towne	21 12	3 50
Sarah C. Aiken	4 80	2 00
Eliza C. Darrah	5 42	1 00
Lucinda J. Bills	12 81	2 50
Mary J. Shipley	9 85	2 50
George F. Lynch	11 15	.
Chas. C. Clark	3 14	2 00
Aaron S. Wilkins	6 50	3 50
John F. Langley	4 91	3 50
Catherine E. U'pham	7 94	2 37
Jeremiah U'pon	3 66	3 00
Charles H. Nutt	\$21 20	\$4 50
Charles H. Campbell	9 38	5 00
Henry Howard	14 46	3 00
Sarah F. U'pham	20 81	13 50
Laura E. Belden	41 56	3 00
Isaac B. Dodge	14 92	2 50
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Lucy R. Boylston	18 26	3 00
Hannah C. Foster	6 20	3 75
Kate R. Hamilton	17 48	1 00
Mrs. J. P. Nourse	10 57	1 00
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Henry Merrill	21 85	3 12
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Wilson D. Forsaith	13 24	7 00
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Sarah A. Osgood	25 98	3 50
Abigail Towne	21 12	3 50
Sarah C. Aiken	4 80	2 00
Eliza C. Darrah	5 42	1 00
Lucinda J. Bills	12 81	2 50
Mary J. Shipley	9 85	2 50
George F. Lynch	11 15	.
Chas. C. Clark	3 14	2 00
Aaron S. Wilkins	6 50	3 50
John F. Langley	4 91	3 50
Catherine E. U'pham	7 94	2 37
Jeremiah U'pon	3 66	3 00

CR.

Paid on selectmen's orders	\$23,365 52
Cash in treasury	4,292 21
	\$27,657 73

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received	\$27,657 73
Paid on orders	23,365 52

Cash in treasury	\$ 4,292 21
Uncollected taxes for 1913	2,884 21
	\$ 7,176 42

Cemetery funds and interest in

treasury	3,458 44
Notes outstanding	14,000 00
	\$17,458 44

Town's indebtedness

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. BURTT, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it properly vouched and and correctly cast.

W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 17, 1913	\$2,319 06
Insurance tax	3 75
Railroad tax	1,547 66
Savings bank tax	1,809 60
Literary fund	126 96
School fund	924 82
Jonathan White cemetery fund	50 00
Interest on Edmund Parker cemetery fund	40 93
Interest on D. E. Fiske highway fund	80 00
State treasurer, for hedgehogs	12 80
" " " forest fires	22 04
" " " highway	93 71
Hillsboro' County	355 76
Souhegan National bank	3,000 00
Junck licenses	8 00
Dog licenses	237 74
Rent of hall	60 50
Lemuel Fuller, for lumber	17 60
W. L. Cross, error in 1912	2 00
Police Court	25 46
C. H. Wetherbee, Goodale tax	1 77
P. M. Odell, collector, taxes for 1912	1,615 59
P. M. Odell, collector, taxes for 1913	15,253 35
P. M. Odell, collector, interest on taxes, 1912	42 26
P. M. Odell, collector, interest on taxes, 1913	6 37

—————\$27,657 73

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY
DEPT.

STATEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT
with the Town of Amherst, February 5, 1914

State contribution	\$125 00	
Town contribution	\$125 00	
Total maintenance fund	—————	\$250 00
State disbursements	\$16 36	
Town disbursements	76 71	\$197 07
State to town, June 25		
“ “ “ Nov. 25	17 00	
Town disbursements charged town	103 36	
State disbursements	110 07	
†Balance in State treasury	14 93	
†Balance in town treasury		21 64
†The balances in state and town treasuries remain for future expenditure.		
S. PERCY HOOKER, State Supt. of highways.		

REPAIRING STATE HIGHWAY

Dr.

Received of Town Treasurer as per order
Selectmen

\$197 07

Cr.

18 00	Edward Bills
16 00	Geo. Parker
16 00	Frank Bills
36 00	E. P. West and team
16 00	Guy Bills
15 07	William Smith, gravel
6 00	W. B. Byrd
8 00	A. W. Moulton
6 00	Austin Merrill
30 00	J. H. Dodge
30 00	J. H. Dodge, team carting

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W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

PERMANENT HIGHWAY

Dr.

Received of Town Treasurer as per order
Selectmen

\$1,226 71

Cr.

E. P. West
Frank Bills
Edward Bills
Geo. Parker
Guy Bills
J. H. Dodge
Team, carting help
Team, carting
L. B. Lovejoy
Ames Plow Co.
Freight
J. B. Varick
A. W. Moulton
Chas. Rogers
Lemuel Fuller
Hill Hardware Co.
P. M. Odell
A. W. Ogden
Gus Peterson
Fred Hubbard

271 36
116 06
114 16
110 61
96 83
162 63
28 50
147 50
54 65
3 19
85
1 75
58 89
4 50
13 50
1 75
22 00
11 98
2 50
3 50

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W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

SNOW ACCOUNT

Dr.

Amount received of Treasurer as per
order Selectmen.

\$31 67

Cr.

William Jennings	3 75
John Holland, 1911,	3 90
J. H. Dodge	16 00
Thomas W. Harvell	4 52
E. H. Peaslee	50
J. E. Fowle	2 25
S. F. Merrill	75

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W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

TRUSTEES OF THE SPALDING SCHOOL FUND

DR.

Balance Feb. 15, 1913	\$10,000 00
Dividend Peterborough Railroad	60 00
“ Nashua City Bonds	175 54
“ City Laconia	40 00
“ Amoskeag Savings Bank	25 83
“ Concord Water bonds	105 00
	\$10,406 37

CR.

Paid W. D. Clark, treasurer	\$406 37
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,500 00
2 City Nashua 4's bonds	2,000 00
2 City Laconia 4's bonds	2,000 00
3 Concord Water bonds	3,000 00
Peterborough R. R. stock	1,500 00
	\$10,406 37

FRANK HARTSHORN,
WILLIAM PRATT,
J. APPLETON SKINNER,
Trustees.

TRUSTEES OF THE AARON LAWRENCE SCHOOL FUND

DR.

Balance Feb. 15, 1913	\$1,542 32
Interest	55 42
	\$1,597 74

CR.

Paid Treasurer School District	\$ 55 42
Deposited in City Guaranty Savings bank, Nashua, N. H.	1,542 32
	\$1,597 74

CHARLES P. DODGE, Trustee.
Amherst, N. H., Feb. 10, 1914.

REPORT OF POLICE COURT

There have been three cases before the court and each paid fines and costs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Fines and costs	\$59 46
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CR.

Cash paid county treasurer	\$25 00	
" " high sheriff	5 00	
" " W. E. Jennings, police	4 00	
" H. B. Burtt, treasurer	25 46	
		\$59 46

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. CLARK,

Special Justice of Police Court.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

TAX OF 1912

DR.

To amount due town Feb. 15, 1913	\$1,615 46
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CR.

By paid town treasurer	\$1,615 46
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INTEREST ACCOUNT

DR.

To amount collected	\$42 26
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CR.

By paid town treasurer	\$42 26
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Respectfully submitted,
PERCY M. ODELL, Collector.

TAX OF 1913

DR.

To amount of tax as assessed	\$18,131 67	
To amount of extra tax	5 89	
Total for collection		\$18,137 56

CR.

By amount paid town treasurer	15,253 35	
Uncollected and in hands of collector	2,884 21	
		\$18,137 56

INTEREST ACCOUNT

DR.

To amount collected	\$6 37
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CR.

By paid town treasurer \$6 37
 Respectfully submitted,
 PERCY M. ODELL,
 Collector, 1913.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched

W. D. CLARK,
 W. E. MURPHY,
 Auditors.

ABATEMENTS FOR 1912

Allen Carpenter, left town	\$1 20	
Thomas Buckley, " "	1 20	
Albert Wennburg, " "	1 92	
Frederick Adams, " "	1 20	
Mrs. John Johnson, soldier's widow	6 00	
C. A. Peabody, taxed to other parties	18	
C. A. Prince, " " " "	1 68	
James Ryan,	72	
		\$14 10

ABATEMENTS FOR 1913

Thomas Buckley, left town	\$1 55	
Mrs. John Johnson, soldier's widow	7 75	
James Atkinson, over tax	3 00	
Langdell, Blanchard & Dodge, overtax	5 42	
Mrs. Grace P. Turner, over tax	9 30	
C. W. Philbrick, " "	3 54	
Chas. Fields, " "	5 43	
H. A. Nelson " "	7 75	
Converse & Cross, " "	14 03	
Benjamin Richards, taxed to other parties	9 30	
Elmer Mitchell, taxed to other parties	93	
James Ryan	93	
		\$68 93

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

OFFICERS

President	Harold H. Wilkins
Secretary and treasurer	Mrs. Fannie L. Clark
Librarian, appointed by trustees	Mrs. Alice M. Wyman

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Fannie L. Clark	Term expires March, 1914
Wallace Chilson	" " " 1914
Mrs. Flora A. Hanson	" " " 1915
Rev. Johnathan Lewis	" " " 1915
Miss Lucy R. Fletcher	" " " 1916
Harold H. Wilkins	" " " 1916

The trustees are glad to report a gain over last year, of 789 on books, 184 on magazines and 27 on families represented. It is with much pleasure that we notice the increased patronage, and hope it may continue.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

Number of books issued	6065
Number of magazines issued	1612
Total circulation	7677
Number of cards issued	267
Number of families represented	136
Number of volumes purchased	83
Number of volumes donated	38
Number of magazines bound	22
Public documents	24
Number of books discarded	1
Total additions	166
Total number of volumes Feb. 15, 1914	5423

THE PARKER FUND

From the town treasurer there was received \$36.93 with which 16 volumes have been purchased.

THE OSGOOD BEQUEST

From the bequest of Mrs. Sarah A. Osgood 1 volume was purchased.

GENERAL GIFTS

We are indebted to Mr. James W. Towne for an oil painting of Richard Boylston, editor and publisher of the Farmers' Cabinet from 1809 to 1855.

Col. James B. David donated an oil painting of his father, Barnabas B. David who was the first president of the Amherst Library Association, 1859.

A collection of ancient articles from Catherine K. Steele, among them the first ladies' writing desk supposed to have been made by William Lowe, of Amherst, previous to the War of the Revolution. These were given by Mrs. Geo. W. Nichols.

From Mrs. E. F. Locke, a manuscript of Amherst town history by her father E. D. Boylston.

Fountain of Life by John Flaval, 1691.

A correct statement of the controversy between Thos. O. Selfridge and Benjamin Austin, also a brief account of the catastrophe in State Street, Boston, Aug. 4, 1806.

Mrs. Locke has loaned to the reading room for reference: Great Men and Famous Women, 8 vol.; Character Sketches by Brewer, 8 vol.; Furniture of our forefathers by E. Singleton, 8 vol.

Mrs. J. O. Pulsifer, four ancient bank bills.

Benjamin Monson, a pair of handcuffs once used in the old jail.

Mrs. George A. Spaulding, National Geographic Magazine for 1913, also a copy of Village Messenger, Jan. 25th, 1800.

Mrs. Norwin S. Bean	17 volumes
Mrs. George A. Spalding	6
Dr. Warren Upham, Minnesota in Three Centuries, 1655-1908	4

Miss A. M. Means	1 volumes
Miss Honora Spalding	1
Warren Hutchinson	1
A Friend	1
Miss Clara Weston	5
17th Biennial Report of the Minnesota Historical Society of the Legislature of Minnesota, session 1913.	
Harpers Weekly for 1914.	
Library of Congress, 1913.	
Lake Mohonk 19th Annual Report.	
McClure's Magazine from a friend.	
The Milford Cabinet from Col. W. B. Rotch.	
The Silver Cross from the King's Daughters.	

We are indebted to Mr. James W. Towne for his care of the grounds during the past season and we also wish to express our thanks to those who in time of drouth were kind enough to draw water to keep the shrubs alive.

MAGAZINES

The list of magazines is as follows, volumes bound last year being indicated by an asterisk :

The Bookman.
 Century Magazine.*
 Granite Monthly.*
 Harper's Magazine.*
 Ladies' Home Journal.
 Little Folks (Amer. edition.)*
 Munsey.
 McClure's.
 Popular Mechanics.*
 Review of Reviews.*
 Scribner's Magazine.*
 St. Nicholas.*
 World's Work.
 Youths' Companion.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

The usual state and public documents have been received and may be seen upon application to the library.

BULLETIN OF NEW BOOKS

A list of the books added during the year may be secured of the librarian and we hope all will avail themselves of the same. We wish to again caution those who take out books or magazines, in the use of the same as several have been returned in bad condition.

The treasurer's report as usual is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES,

By the President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amherst Town Library in Account with Fannie L.
Clark, Treasurer.

DR.

Balance	\$79 23	
Parker Fund	36 93	
Appropriation	300 00	
Fines	3 60	
For McClures Magazine	1 50	
To Replace Book	75	
Parker Fund Feb., 14, 1914	37 93	
	-----	\$459 94

CR.

Librarian	\$ 50 00	
Janitor	25 00	
Books	126 32	
Magazines	26 50	
Binding and repairs	29 40	
Lighting	15 40	
Tools, etc.,	8 80	
Supplies, extra postage	5 76	
Painting fence	6 75	
Typewriting cards	5 50	
Fuel	38 50	
Printing	8 00	
Cleaning, etc.,	5 00	
Parker Fund	37 93	
Balance on hand	71 08	
	-----	\$459 94

Fannie L. Clark, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
W. E. MURPHY,
Auditors.

AMHERST SCHOOL REPORT

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

ATTENDANCE

For the year ending July 15, 1913. School year of 36 weeks.

School	No. Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total	Av. mem.	Av. attd.	Tardy
Grammar	36	7	11	18	22.23	21.30	18
Intermediate	36	16	14	30	23.16	21.37	44
Primary	36	12	11	23	19.55	18.48	48
Number 2	36	15	5	20	18.50	17.32	168
Number 3	36	11	10	21	14.96	13.04	168
Number 4	36	6	3	9	7.17	6.97	6
Number 5	36	8	7	15	10.55	9.06	9
Number 7	36	6	4	10	7.39	6.86	30
Number 9	15	3	2	5	5.00	4.00	44
Number 10	32	6	5	11	7.40	6.65	4
	335	90	72	162	135.91	125.05	539

PROBABLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

For Two Years

1913-1914

1914-1915

Fall Term

Sept. 8, (Mon.)-Dec. 19. Sept. 8, (Tues.)-Dec. 18
Holidays, Oct. 12, Nov. 27, 28. Oct. 12, Nov. 3, 26, 27

Winter Term

Jan. 5-Mar. 20. Jan. 4-Mar. 19
Holidays, Feb. 23. Feb. 22

Spring term

Apr. 6-June 12. Apr. 5-June 11
Holidays, Apr. 16. Fast Day, May 31

ROLL OF HONOR

YEAR

Grammar	Olive Boutelle, Hazel Pease, May F. Stevens Grace W. Stevens.
Intermediate	Roy E. Towne.
Primary	Nelson P. Smith, Marjorie L. Bills.
Number 3	Edna Goodale.
Number 5	Goldie Wilson.

ONE TERM

Grammar	Willard C. Brown, Wendell Greenlee, Esther R. Davidson, Bernice Goodale, Lucile M. Colburn, Barbara Colburn, Earle F. Bills.
Intermediate	Alma Monson, Cavie Towne, Frances Towne, Dwight Brown, Archie Mason, Elna Pherson, Dorothy Weston, Albert J. Field, Mildred Nelson.
Primary	Donald Caldwell, Anetta Merrill, Fred M. Bills, Bliss Hoiland, Helma Monson, Inez Peterson.
Number 3	Elizabeth Weston, Frank Gouett.
Number 5	Gladys Cronberg, Doris Heath.
Number 2	Jeannette Elliott, Agnes Sullivan, Dorothy Calnan, Lawrence Doyle, Thomas J. Doyle.
Number 10	Louis Hayward.
Number 7	Ralph V. Plummer.
Number 9	W. Henry Robinson.

TWO TERMS

Grammar	Doris F. Bills, Beulah Goodale.
Intermediate	Norman Emerson, Arthur Daniels, Marion Bennett.
Primary	Duncan D. Smith.
Number 4	Warren Boutelle, Joseph Trow, Charlotte Boutelle, Herbert Boutelle.
Number 7	William Robinson, Hazel Plummer.
Number 10	Russell Thomas, Mildred Wetherbee.

During the year the village schoolhouse was painted and a steel ceiling was placed in one room.

The new schoolhouse was erected at Number Two as per your instructions at the adjourned school meeting, when two thousand dollars was appropriated for this pur-

pose. The committee tried to keep within the appropriation, and are glad to announce that a substantial balance remains in the treasury besides the sum realized by the sale of the old schoolhouse. There is still some cementing to be done to make the cellar complete, but this cannot be done until spring.

Besides the balance left in the treasury, one hundred and fifty dollars was used to purchase an addition to the school yard. The school yard must be fenced this year.

Amount required for books and scholars' supplies	\$ 300 00
Amount required for High school tuition	900 00
Amount required for salaries of officers of district	120 00
Amount suggested above sum required by law	2,000 00
Amount suggested for repairs and school furnishings	400 00
Sum that must be raised in order to receive state aid	5,135 00

W. W. SLOAN,
FANNIE L. CLARK,
CORA E. HOLBROOK,
Board of Education.

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER.

DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1913	\$1,450 56	
Town of Mont Vernon	24 98	
Town appropriation	3,700 00	
Received of F. L. Clark, sale of old schoolhouse	62 00	
Lawrence fund	55 42	
Spalding "	406 37	
Town of New Boston	53 50	
State and literary fund	1,051 78	
Old iron sold	1 00	
Dog licenses	223 90	
Appropriation not drawn	777 50	
		\$7,807 01

CR.

Paid teachers	3,099 00	
Fuel	358 90	
Care	295 18	
Miscellaneous	2,261 15	
Appropriation due from town	777 50	
Balance in treasury	1,015 28	
		\$7,807 01

TEACHERS

Helen W. Leighton	\$451 00
Marietta Brady	187 00
Juliette McKissock	170 00
Addie P. Forbes	369 50
Mary P. Donovan	170 00
Clarissa Hills	136 00
Helen McGee	70 00
Olive Kelley	305 50
Helen Quimby	32 00
Marietta Willoughby	319 00

Margaret Hansberry	90 00	
Marion E. Cooney	27 00	
Jennie B. Howard	120 00	
Ruth F. Hathaway	190 00	
Ella H. Smith	228 00	
Laura B. Chase	190 00	
None Kennedy	44 00	
		\$3,099 00

FUEL

Ralph Holbrook, wood	\$ 12 00	
Haseltine & Caldwell, wood	17 75	
George E. Farley	19 50	
Charles H. Wetherbee	42 00	
E. H. Peasley	5 50	
W. A. Moulton, cutting wood	3 75	
F. H. Merrill, wood	1 50	
J. E. Allard, wood	6 00	
F. C. Taylor, coal	152 52	
Charles J. Upham, wood	13 00	
Arthur Richardson,	15 00	
Haseltine & Caldwell	21 00	
Ralph Holbrook	16 75	
Lemuel Fuller	6 00	
Clarence Trow	18 88	
W. B. Crooker, slabs	75	
Katherine Clarkin, wood	7 00	
		\$358 90

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES

Harry K. Wetherbee	\$ 1 00
C. W. Dodge, estate	16 00
L. F. Wyman	180 00
Dorothy Goodale	4 20
Percy Davis	3 43
Katherine Clarkin	8 50
Lester Bartlett	12 95
Kittie A. Wetherbee	8 00
Clarissa Hills	3 50
Harry K. Wetherbee	6 00
Roland Hanson	6 00

Mary Lenz	8 55
Warren Boutelle	6 50
Kittie A. Wetherbee	1 50
Cora Holbrook	4 00
Lizzie West	1 25
Harry Wetherbee	7 50
L. F. Wyman, care of pupils at noon hour	10 00
Jennie B. Harwood	5 25
George Boutelle	1 05
	\$295 18

MISCELLANEOUS

Ordway & Kendall, livery	\$ 21 00
Ralph Gilson, picking moths	3 00
William Robinson, carrying pupils	55 00
A. W. Remington,	63 00
James M. Jackson,	216 00
Merrimack, tuition	9 00
H. A. Kathan, carrying pupils	180 00
H. J. West,	21 00
Mrs. H. C. Adams	67 50
Harold Perry,	2 00
Richard Elliott, cleaning vaults	4 00
Roland Hanson, carrying water	2 75
John Bacon, salary to May 1, 1913	126 00
C. H. Wetherbee, cleaning vaults	3 00
G. C. Langdell, writing diplomas	1 00
Emma A. Noble, flag pole	5 00
City of Nashua, Mary Palmer's tuition	64 00
J. P. Melzer, printing	3 00
Harold Perry, carrying teachers	1 50
Henry W. Robinson, travelling from No. 9 to No. 7	12 50
Voscoe Plummer, travelling from No. 9 to No. 7	23 75
Enos S. Robinson, stock and labor	2 50
Merrimack, tuition	12 00
City of Nashua, tuition of Gertrude Davidson	40 00
John Knox, tuning piano	2 50
Milford school dist., tuition of pupils	517 61

A. L. Keyes, bond	5 00	
Charles A. Langdell, superintendent's salary	252 00	
Milford School Dist., tuition of pupils	378 72	
W. E. Murphy, auditor	2 00	
A. L. Martin, merchandise	1 95	
Merrimack, tuition	8 00	
W. E. Jennings, labor	50	
“ “ police duty	2 25	
H. H. Barber, towels and dusters	2 16	
H. B. Burt, merchandise	5 26	
Cora E. Holbrook, services on school board	30 00	
F. L. Clark, services on school board	30 00	
W. W. Sloan, “ “ “ “	30 00	
F. C. Boutelle, livery	2 00	
W. W. Sloan, livery, freight and express	9 05	
W. W. Sloan, clerk of school meeting	4 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co., for water	5 00	
Cora E. Holbrook, towels, glass, etc.	1 05	
John Bacon, railroad expense, telephone, postage, etc.	33 60	
		\$2,261 15

REPAIRS

DR.

Balance in treasury		
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Taken from text book and supply fund to balance	78 67	
		\$378 67

CR.

Slatington, Bangor Slate Syndicate	\$24 93
L. F. Wyman, window, frame and labor	9 95
Fred W. Hubbard, stock and labor	2 00
Milford School Dist., ink wells	11 30
W. D. Clark, mdse.	9 68
H. G. Upham, painting No. 1 school-house	93 43

H. H. Barber, curtains	1 50	
Geo. W. Moore, stove-pipe	1 20	
David Broome, labor on ceiling	18 20	
L. F. Wyman, " " "	19 60	
Hardware and Paint Co., paint	4 00	
F. T. Boutelle, labor on ceiling	32 06	
F. C. Taylor, stock and labor on furnaces	91 90	
Boston Metal Ceiling Co.,	55 83	
W. W. Sloan, painting	2 00	
H. H. Parkhurst, labor	1 70	
		\$378 67

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

DR.

Balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1913	\$147 12	
Appropriation	300 00	
		\$447 12

CR.

Edward E. Babb, desks and chairs	\$ 21 60	
" " " books and supplies	119 09	
Milton Bradley, supplies	10 41	
Emerson & Son, ladder, brush, duster	3 85	
R. E. Lane, order books	2 70	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	24 82	
Charles Scribner's Sons, books	29 94	
Milford Cabinet, kraft paper	7 00	
Little, Brown & Co., book	68	
To balance repair account	78 67	
Balance in treasury	148 36	
		\$447 12

SCHOOLHOUSE AT DISTRICT NO. 2

Appropriation for building	\$1,700 00	
" " furnishings	300 00	
		\$2,000 00
H. W. De Montigny, schoolhouse	\$1,345 00	
" " " building		
closets, moving and setting up		
desks	56 45	

Cassidy Bros., setting batters	4 00	
Charles H. Wetherbee, cellar and grading	236 00	
J. N. Junkins, surveying	2 50	
George W. Moore, pump and iron pipe	12 91	
Emerson & Son, shades, pulls, etc.	21 28	
John Proctor, labor on windows	2 10	
Mrs. Brennan, rent of building	15 00	
Readsboro Chair Co., chairs and desks	106 25	
Mrs. Buckley, for land	150 00	
Balance in treasury	48 51	
		\$2,000 00

NUTT FUND

DR.

Balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1913	\$212 27
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CR.

H. B. Burtt, supplies for gymnasium	\$14 40	
George Pettengill, labor on gym	6 65	
L. F. Wyman,	11 78	
Souhegan Electric Co., wiring and supplies	91 51	
M. L. and P. Co., lamps	2 80	
Frank Hartshorn Co., lumber	17 19	
Souhegan Electric Co., labor on ceiling	2 78	
H. B. Burtt, wire for gymnasium	9 00	
M. L. & P. Co., lighting	1 45	
C. A. Hoitt, book-case	16 00	
Balance in treasury	38 71	
		\$212 27

LAWRENCE FUND

DR.

Balance in treasury	\$56 19	
Northern railroad	36 00	
		\$92 19

CR.

W. P. Goodman, books	\$20 24	
Temple & Farrington, books	4 95	
F. L. Clark, expense	3 85	
Balance in treasury	63 15	
		\$92 19

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. CLARK, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. E. MURPHY,
L. F. WYMAN,
Auditors.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

I herewith present my sixth annual report, or the eighth in the series since supervision was established.

The enrollment by schools and grades Feb. 15, of Amherst pupils in town and out of town was as follows:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	(9)	I	II	III	IV	Total
Milford							1			6	6			21
Nashua									1		1	5	3	2
Northfield, (Mass)											1			1
Grammar							11	12						23
Intermediate					6	8	12							26
Primary	7	6	12											25
Number 2	6	4	4	9	2									25
Number 3	3		4	3	2	1	4							17
Number 5	1	2	1		1	1	1							7
Number 9			2	2	2	2								8
Number 10	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	1						14
	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>169</u>

As seen by the table of attendance for the year ending July 15 1913 the average membership for last year was 135.91 as compared with 157.63 the year before, and the total attendance was 162 as compared with 181 the year before. This decrease in attendance seems to have been checked entirely as the present enrollment shows 169 pupils as compared with 155 one year ago.

The number of tardinesses for the district was 539 or four per pupil. Number 2 and Cricket Corner continue to be our chief offenders in this respect. It will be interesting to note if the number 2 record is improved this year by the new school house.

During the past year number 6 and number 8 were not open. The attendance at number 9 decreased to three pupils at the close of the fall term and these pupils were transported to number 7 for the remainder of the year.

At the beginning of this year number 9 was reopened and the pupils from number 7 were transported to number 10. Number 4 began the year with three pupils. At the close of two weeks this school was closed and the pupils allowed to attend the village school.

Number 10 was unfortunate enough to have four teachers during the past year and to close a month on account of scarlet fever, of course it is difficult to keep classes up to the grade under such conditions. In order to do justice to the pupils they were permitted to go on with their grades, and we hope to pass most of them this year.

Teachers 1913-1914 showing salary, preparation and experience:

Grammar, Helen W. Leighton, \$13, Framingham Normal, experience, 11 years.

Intermediate, Ella H. Smith, \$12, Gorham Normal, experience, 8 years.

Primary, Ruth Hathaway, \$10, Lowell Normal, none.

Number 2, Marietta Willoughby, \$11, Keene Normal, experience, 6 years.

Number 3, Olive F. Kelley, \$9, Nashua High, experience, 4 years.

Number 5, Addie P. Forbes, \$11, Plymouth Normal, experience, 12 years.

Number 9, None F. Kennedy, \$11, State certificate, experience, 9 years.

Number 10, Laura B. Chase, \$10, Lowell Normal, experience, none.

Total weekly salary list, \$87.

Weekly rebate from the state for normal graduates and certified teachers, \$14.

We now have three teachers who were with us a year ago, and one other who taught for us before attending normal school. Every effort has been made to make our schools as good as the district could afford. It has been impossible to keep all our teachers as some have left us for positions paying fifty per cent better salaries. An effort has been made to keep them, however, and salaries have been raised where it was necessary, to keep teachers.

We have continued the policy of securing trained or experienced teachers. The temptation sometimes has been great to take girls without training or experience when we have found it difficult to secure trained teachers. We have been fortunate, and at present our list contains the name of no such teacher.

Promotion and retardation for year ending July 15, 1913:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Number promoted	13	23	15	10	17	12	8	12	110
No. not promoted	4		2	3	5	1	6	3	24
Av age of class at beginning of year,	6-10, 7-8, 9-7, 9 1, 10-8, 11-0, 12-7, 13-9								

Those graduating from the grammar school in June were:

Dorris Bills	William Hodgman
Olive Boutelle	Hazel B. Pease
Barbara Colburn	Grace W. Stevens
Wendel Greenlee	May F. Stevens
Norman Henderson	Theodore Styles
Elmer Hodgman	Goldie Wilson

Graduated Milford High School, June, 1913:

Pearl B. Seabury	Florence R. Converse
Helena Colburn	

Those who have attended Milford High School this year are:

Hazel Pease, Theodore Styles, Grace Stevens, May Stevens, Olive Boutelle, Dorris Bills, William Hodgman, Elmer Hodgman, Leon Boutelle, Grace Bartlett, Olive Clark, Lillian Pearson, Edna Burt, Harold McNamee, Leroy Odell, Kenneth Wetherbee, Madeline Taylor, Katherine Clarkin, Hazel Pettingill, Harold Burt, Mildred Hunnewell, Olga Pher-son, Frances Leighton, Horace Boutelle, Ruth Goodale.

In order named the first eight were first year, next nine second year, next five third year, and last three fourth year pupils. Five of these have now dropped out of school.

Mary Palmer attends the Nashua High School and Robert Weston is in the ninth grade of that city. Elizabeth Weston attends the Northfield Seminary.

At the adjourned school meeting, last March, the committee appointed to investigate and report on the condition of the school building at Number Two, reported that it would not be profitable to repair the building and advised that a new one be erected. An appropriation of two thousand dollars was made for this purpose.

It took longer than anticipated to draw the plans and to receive bids, so that the contract was not let until the first of July and construction did not begin until the first



NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

of August. School was begun on time, however, by placing the new seats in a vacant store room nearby.

Although this building is not large, it is planned, when completed, to be modern in every respect. It has good hard wood floors and excellent lighting, with six large windows at the left of pupils and six half windows above the blackboard in the rear of the room. Four foot slate blackboard extends entirely around the room, except where intercepted by windows or doors. There are no cross-lights, as all the light comes practically from one side and lights up the blackboard on the opposite side of the room. This prevents eye strain, so common, where blackboards are placed between windows.

There is a book closet and a teacher's cloak closet in the schoolroom. There is a middle hall, with a cloak room on one side for boys and on the other side for girls. A toilet room leads off from each cloak room, but these will not be equipped until the water pipes enter the building. It is expected that permission will be granted for the extension of the Milford water system to this district next year.

The house stands over a seven-foot basement, with heavy out stone walls. This basement will provide room



INTERIOR OF NEW BUILDING AT DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

for a furnace and for manual training. After the building was located, we found that it was placed over a well that had been filled with stones several years ago and since had been forgotten. This well was cleared out and we now have a pump with good water in the basement.

The committee kept well within the appropriation, as seen by their account, even though they spent one hundred and fifty dollars for enlarging the lot. The remainder of the appropriation should be used for installing water next year.

The village building has been painted and is in excellent condition. The grammar school room has been provided with a steel ceiling and electric lights.

The Nutt fund, given to the school for extras only, has furnished the pupils with an equipment for basketball and gymnastics on the third floor of the building. A very commendable interest in athletics has been shown at this school, as indicated by Field Day and by basket ball practice at recess. I hope this interest will be extended to plays and games during the spring term.

For many years, our schoolrooms have been equipped with large desks in the rear and smaller desks in front. This arrangement placed a high seat for a pupil, who had

a low desk. This has been changed in all the schools by placing desks of one size in a row. The change has done away with the box footstools, so common in our schools. A few adjustable desks are needed in each school to make the seating complete.

Books and supplies have been furnished in good quantities. Our textbooks are in good condition. Schools use many more books now than a few decades past. A pupil now uses as many books in one year as his father had in his whole grammar school course. We still find difficulty in securing reference books and home reading for the rural schools.

The sixth history classes are now supplied with "American Beginnings in Europe," a style of history being introduced into all sixth grades, as suggested by a national committee, appointed to prepare a course of study in history.

A determined effort is being made throughout the country to provide better schools for rural districts and small villages. I think the extension of manual training and domestic science, as well as agriculture, to the rural schools and schools of small towns is the best indication of success in this line. These subjects have seemed to belong to cities and large towns only, where special teachers and fine equipments could be provided. The newer idea is to provide, at least, one work bench, a set of tools, oil stove, and some cooking utensils for every school. The aim is not the development of skilled workmen. The aim is to develop the child *by means* of manual arts and not to train the child *for* manual work. The equipment is used as a valuable educational instrument for the development of mental power.

We should not wait to start with a perfect equipment, but should begin with such tools as we can afford. We could plan to spend as much time as our equipment and the ability of our teachers would warrant. In many places, the expense is kept small by painting rural school houses, making book shelves, polishing desks, and by including repairs and useful articles for school use in the list of manual training work; and the domestic science class spends much of its time on materials provided by citizens of the district.

As Amherst is to vote on the establishment of a high

school, I shall give the voters such information as I can on that subject.

This is the sixth year since Amherst closed its high school. It appears from the records that lack of financial support forced the School Board to let the school run down until parents were sending their children to other schools, either at their own or the town's expense. When the school finally was not approved for the two year course, the School Board petitioned the Supreme Court to discontinue the school, which request was granted.

During the past six years, the majority of our pupils have attended Milford High School, two miles and a half distant, although a few on the other side of the town have attended Nashua. The district has paid tuition at the rate of forty dollars per year for each pupil. The rebate from the state on this sum has been ten or twenty per cent. each year, depending upon the tax rate.

Pupils from Ponemah Cricket Corner, Christian Hill, and Number Two have been accommodated, almost as conveniently, as if the high school had continued at Amherst village. This leaves the village and the section, north and east of the village, inconvenienced by the change. Of the twenty-seven pupils, who have attended whole or part of the time this year, eight were from the districts as well accommodated now as formerly; fourteen were from the village, and five were from the districts north and east of the village.

There are two reasons for establishing a high school in Amherst. The children should have a school nearer their door, and the high school assists in upbuilding the town itself. We cannot deny that the children deserve a school nearer home, or that we should assist them by providing transportation. This needs no explanation. As to upbuilding the town, this is a farming community, but we are educating away from the farm. If we establish a high school, similar to the one our pupils now attend, we have but one reason for doing so; and that is to save travel or cost of transportation.

We could establish a school, with two teachers, similar to the one our pupils now attend, at an expense of about two thousand dollars per year. The expense of a school, to teach agriculture and practical arts that would tend to upbuild the community, would be a little more than

that, depending entirely upon the equipment.

Another solution of the problem is to establish an "approved" high school that would "get by" and relieve the district of paying tuition out of town. This is the style of school commonly advocated by those who think the establishment of a high school would assist them in advertising their real estate, so they could sell out and leave town. The attendance would be small, as some parents would send their children out of town at their own expense. Such a school could be run for fifteen hundred dollars, but the children would suffer that the town might save money.

One more solution is to employ one teacher to try the plan for one year, and give the first year only of the high school course. This plan has the added merit that, if the attendance was small some of the grammar school work could be taken by this teacher, thus helping to make all the grades stronger. No alterations in the school building would be needed for this experiment.

Still another plan is to provide transportation to Milford. This would be the cheapest solution, and, perhaps, the plan that would please best the pupils attending high school.

I suppose no superintendent is ever satisfied with results, because, being near the work, he can see the defects. In comparison with former years, and in comparison with other towns, this size, I am sure, we can take just pride in what Amherst is accomplishing. It is unseemly for me to boast of these things. In the report of our state Superintendent, published a year ago, I find the following compliment for Amherst. We can appreciate it more because it was not meant for us to read, but, as you see, Amherst was held up as a model for some other towns with like conditions:

"——The other and larger class is composed of those districts which it is hard to persuade to make any effort for public betterment. Poverty is usually the plea. Avarice, on the part of old citizens who have no children, is usually the real cause. It is very easy to proclaim that a given sum is all a town can afford. The real comparison is the tax rate on equalized valuation.

The writer has often had occasion to listen to or read the jeremiads of one prominent citizen of a rural town, in which, by the way, he is a large taxpayer. The usual line is, 'I have compassion on the poverty of my struggling fellow citizens, and I cannot vote to burden them with the tax rate necessary to draw this state aid.'"

Now, that school district usually has a school tax rate in the neighborhood of \$3.50. It has no trained teachers, no holders of state certificates, and barely thirty weeks of school. Of course, a skilled superintendent would not be tolerated.

Now, by contrast, let the reader consider another town, the district of Amherst. The towns in question are as nearly alike in all other respects as possible. Amherst makes an effort, measured by a school tax rate of \$6.93. She has over ninety per cent. trained teachers. She maintains thirty-five weeks of school. She has a goodly number of pupils attending high school. She draws almost \$1,200 state aid and she well deserves it.

Respectfully,

JOHN BACON,

Supt. of Schools.

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1913.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.				Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
			Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child.	1st, 2d, etc.	Color.					
Jan. 2	Amherst	Florence Hazel	.....	F	1	5	5	All white.	Amherst	Amherst	Clerk	Boston, Mass.	Yarmouth, Mass
Feb. 10	"	Charles Henry	.....	M	1	5	5	All white.	"	"	R. R. Section	Amherst, N. H.	Paradise, N. S.
Mar. 27	"	"	.....	M	1	9	6	"	"	"	Teamster	Londonberry	Dunbarton, N. H
" 30	"	"	.....	M	1	5	5	"	"	"	Wood work'r	Canada	Canada
May 10	"	Charles Stuart	.....	M	1	1	1	"	"	"	Farmer	Barrington, N. H	Washburn, Me.
June 14	"	Harold Hartshorn	.....	M	1	1	1	"	"	"	Lumber mill	Amherst, N. H.	Saratoga Springs
July 20	"	Keith Alexander	.....	M	1	7	7	"	"	"	Farmer	Pittsfield, Me.	Amherst, N. H.
Aug. 28	"	Lester A.	.....	M	1	7	7	"	"	"	Moss picker	Nashua, N. H.	Merrimack, N. H.
Sept. 21	"	Helen Chaslina	.....	F	1	4	4	"	"	"	Farmer	Milford, N. H.	Amherst, N. H.
Dec. 20	"	Everett Allen	.....	M	1	5	5	"	"	"	Laborer	Charlestown Mss	London, Eng.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1913.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
June 12	Brookline, N. H.	E. Walter Everett...	Chelsea, Ms	49	All white.	Real estate.....	St. Johns, N. B.	Joseph C. Everett.....	Woodstock, N. B.	.....	1	Warren L. Noyes, minister.
		Jennie B. Robinson.	Amherst	47		Milliner.....	Mont Vernon	Jessie O. Robinson.....	St. Johns, N. H.	.....	1	Brookline, N. H.
June 4	Hudson, N. H.	Charles R. Parker...	"	24		Farmer.....	Amherst, N. H.	Laura A. Frye.....	Vermont	.....	1	Lewis E. Perry, clergyman.
		Susan B. Patterson...	Merrimack	25		At home.....	Merrimack	George E. Parker.....	Amherst	.....	1	Hudson, N. H.
June 18	Amherst, N. H.	Erwin W. Thurber..	Williams-town, Vt	30		Minister.....	Corinth, Vt....	Mary A. Atkinson....	Philadelphia, Pa.	.....	1	Frederic Story, minister.
		Lilla E. Prince.....	Amherst	35		At home.....	Amherst, N. H.	George E. Patterson..	Merrimack, N. H.	.....	1	Stratford, N. H.
June 16	"	Philip Fuller.....	"	31		Farmer.....	Andover, Mass	Anna M. Foster.....	Wentworth,	.....	1	Arthur W. Remington, clergyman.
		Bertha A. Hubbard.	"	28		Teacher.....	Amherst, N. H.	Hiram A. Thurber....	Corinth, Vt....	.....	1	Mont Vernon
Sept. 20	"	Elmer C. White.....	"	23		Laborer.....	Nashua, N. H.	Flora A. Johnson....	Lawrence, Mass	.....	1	Jonathan S. Lewis, clergyman.
		Almira C. Stockwell	"	21		Athome.....	New Boston	Chas. A. Prince.....	Amherst, N. H.	.....	1	Amherst, N. H.
Dec. 26	"	David F. Hoskins...	Ardmore, Pa	25		F. rester.....	Coatesville, Pa.	Margaret L. Welch...	Belmont, N. Y.	.....	1	Jonathan S. Lewis, clergyman.
		Ardis I. McNamee...	Amherst	23		At home.....	Cambridge, Mass	Geo. D. Fuller.....	London, Eng....	.....	1	Amherst, N. H.
								Elizabeth Mephram..	Charlestown Mass.	.....		
								Addie F. Noyes.....	Amherst, N. H.	.....		
								Clara A. Emerson....	Lyndeboro, N. H.	.....		
								Levi Stockwell.....	Londonerry	.....		
								Josie Johnson.....	Sheffield, Vt.	.....		
								Grier Hoskins.....	Sweden	.....		
								Jennie Wiley.....	Coatsville, Pa.	.....		
								Benjamin F. McNamee	Pine Grove, Pa.	.....		
								Annie B. McArthur ..	Cambridge, Mass	.....		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1913.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.		Place of birth.	Sex and condition.		Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
		Years.	Months.		Days.	Sex.		Color.	Single, married, or widowed.		
Feb.	13 Margaret McGuinness ..	57	7	Ireland	F	M	Housewife	Ireland	Daniel Callahan	Margaret O'Connor	
Mar.	9 Olivia C. Holbrook	87	2	Franconia, N.H.	F	W	Housewife	Londonberry ..	Russell Howland	Lorena Spooner	
Mar.	27			Amherst, N.H.	M	S		Bow, N. H.	Charles S. Bils	Lilla A. Marsh	
Apr.	4 Augustus C. Hammond ..	41	10	Bow, N. H.	M	M	Carpenter	Dunbarton	Asa C. Hammond	Mary A. Arlin	
May	11 Charles B. Sargent	61	7	Goffstown, N.H.	M	M	Junk dealer	Dunbarton	Enoch Sargent	Jane Jameson	
June	6 George E. Farley	64	3	Hollis, N.H.	M	M	Retired	Quebec	Enoch Farley	Harriet Barker	
June	6 Alice M. Mitchell	28	11	Quebec	F	S		Quebec	Joseph Gouett		
Aug.	18 Frank Leavitt	57			M	M	Mason	Weymouth, Mass.	Michael Leavitt		
"	10 Wilford C. Hunt	56	9	Brantree, Mass.	M	S	Farmer	Ireland	John V. Hunt	Hannah E. Denton	
"	21 Sally K. Patillo	60	8	Memphis, Tenn.	F	W	Housewife	Milford, N. H. ...	David B. Woolson	Caroline Khinck	
"	23 Ann J. Keyes	83	11	Milford, N.H.	F	W	Housewife	Amherst, N. H. ...	Thomas M. Harvell	Mary B. Moore	
Nov.	7 John H. Harvell	53		Amherst, N.H.	M	M	Farmer	Temple, N. H.	William Stratton	Sarah Manning	
"	18 Charles W. Stratton ..	47		Poughkeepsie.	M	W	Shoemaker	Hollis, N. H.	Edwin R. Burr	Rachel Perham	
"	28 Edwin K. Burr	62	9	Milford, N.H.	M	M	Undertaker	Buxton, Me	Ivory Harmon	Almeda Hobson	
"	28 Mary E. Farley	60	7	Nashua.	F	W	At home	Hancock, N. H. ...	Westminster Mss Samuel W. Clark	Rebecca E. Howe	
"	30 John Howe Clark	76	7	Greenland, N.H.	M	S	Naval Surgeon ..				

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

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